

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Director of Public Works

ASSEMBLY BILL 1147 - LOS ANGELES COUNTY DRAINAGE AREA PROJECT PLAN AND SCHEDULE FOR SUBVENTION FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

Assembly Bill 1147 requires the County and the State to meet a number of conditions in order for the Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA) Project to be eligible for State subvention funding.

Attached for your information is a plan and schedule to ensure funding eligibility based on the following outstanding actions:

- The Los Angeles River Master Plan Advisory Committee, as assigned by the Secretary of the Resources Agency, is to provide input to the County and the Resources Agency regarding preparation and implementation of a plan to undertake projects to restore River habitat, increase parkland, and recreational opportunities along the Los Angeles River and related tributaries.
- 2. The Board of Supervisors is to conduct a public hearing, make a finding that the LACDA Project is multiuse, and adopt the plan.
- 3. The Resource Agency is to concur that the LACDA Project is multiuse.

If you have any questions, please call me or your staff my contact Rod Kubomoto of our Watershed Management Division at (626) 458-4300.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office

Executive Office

Plan and Schedule for Eligibility to Receive AB1147 Subvention Funding

NO.	STEP	PROPOSED DATE OF COMPLETION
1.	Announce to the Los Angeles River Master Plan Advisory Committee (LARMPAC) that they have been appointed to be the Advisory Group that will provide input in fulfilling the conditions of AB1147. The meeting invite will include copies of the letter from the Secretary of the Resources Agency that explains their role and copies of the latest chaptered version of AB1147 for review and background information. The documents will be discussed at the quarterly LARMPAC meeting held on January 28, 2004.	Done January 28, 2004
2.	Send a letter to the Secretary of the Resources Agency acknowledging their letter (subject: Los Angeles River Advisory Committee – AB1147, dated November 5, 2003).	February 17, 2004
3.	Public Works will take a position that the Plan shall address projects along the entire Los Angeles River and major tributaries. Public Works will work with Belinda Faustinos, of RMC, to clarify the jurisdictional boundaries of AB1147.	Prior to January 28, 2004
4.	 To ensure participation from the State, as required for developing the Plan (list of projects), Public Works will work with CAO to arrange special meetings, based on the availability of the State representatives. The actions to be carried out at the AB1147 LARMPAC special meetings will include: A. Presentations about the LACDA Project and the LARMP Project implementation to update everyone on the current status of River improvements. B. Development of the Plan, by compiling projects for the River and related tributaries. The Plan will identify projects that provide restoration, increased parkland, and recreation opportunities. C. Prioritization of the Plan projects in high, medium, and low priorities, based on criteria from AB1147. D. Concurrence may be provided from the LARMPAC with County's finding of LACDA as a multiuse project. 	Special meetings to be held between: March – September 2004
5.	Public Works will work with CAO, County lobbyists, and State representatives to authorize LACDA as a multiuse project. Will need to provide materials that support why LACDA is multiuse and may seek concurrence from LARMPAC.	Concurrent with special meetings between: March – September 2004
6.	The Secretary of the Resources Agency will consult with appropriate Federal agencies to assess the desirability, feasibility, and cost of modifying the LACDA Project to include multiuse features. Once restoration projects are identified, the Corps will be requested to take the lead in implementation of the projects and the Corps will need to develop a new feasibility report and seek congressional approval.	Pending action from the Resources Agency.
7.	The Plan will be sent to the Board of Supervisors for the Board to: A. Adopt the Plan. B. Make a joint finding with the Secretary of the Resources Agency that LACDA is a multiuse project. Public input must be gathered through a hearing process prior to undertaking these actions at a regular Board meeting.	To be sent to the Board in November 2004
8.	The California Department of Water Resources will make a recommendation to the Legislature regarding the specific amount to be appropriated for LACDA reimbursement to the County.	Pending action from DWR.